

A treatise.

Due and desire
Dooeth me require
So effectually
I can no lesse
Of gentilnesse
But graunt it willyngly.

Some Payne to take
Fo^r desires sake
And herty assuraunce
With yncke and penne
The gentill walshmentie
Their faine te aduaunce.

SAs shall insewe
Matter full trewe
By storiis euident
Of auctours olde
Bothe wryte and tolde
Famous and excellent

STrusyng in this
No man theris

a.iii. My.

A commendacion

My purpose will disdayne
If my reporte
Maie them comforde
I shalbe glad and fayne.

When I consider
And call together
To my remembraunce
The regalitce
The nobilitie
The redoubted puissaunce.

The high parentage
The fearece corage
The actes moste marciall
The princely faine
The worthie name
The bloud iperiall.

The ciuilitee
The btilitee
The high magnificence
The policie

The

Of welchmen
The industrie
The noble aduertence

¶ Of there progenitours
Most myghtie conquerours
The enimyes to Decline
Excelling farre
In strength of warre
That were before there tyme

Whose worthye fame
Inhauncid there name
As men of lustie corage
Like princes great
Kyngdomes to geat
For them and ther lynage

As noble brute
In his persuite
And acte triumphal
To his estate
Kyngdomes gate
And made them Imperiaull
a.iii. spyst

A treatise.

First to begynne
Their birthe their kynne
Their generacion
Then to conuoy
From noble Troy
The whole procreacion.

Cye must then loke
In the fift boke
Of the antiquities
Wherc Birosus
And Isodorus
In their Ethimolegies.

affirmeth playne
As authours twayne
That after Noe his flood
Ostris first yng
yng in Egipte
ppch the se
ide conne of
name. Was called Ostris the good.

But yet Moses
In Genesis

Name th

A treatise:

Na'meth hym M'izraim
A prince of fame
The first of name
That conquest did begynne.

By force of strengthe
He gate at lengthe
To his dominion
The wold'e rounde
Except the grounde
Dewe unto Babilon.

Moste circumspicte
In this effecte
Accoumpte the nobles all
He was the furst
In Egyp't iust
Emonges the people rurall.

With greate industrie
And labour of bodie
The plough there did inuent
To eare and sowe

a.v. In

A commendacion
In countres lowe
Idlenes to preuente

To graffe and to plant
In places skante
Wynes most holsun & good
He taughte them playne
The barley grayne
To norishe the lustie bloud

Hys tyme before
They hadde no store
But acornes & leves grene
No other frute
For ther refute
Einonge them was ther sene

Till Osyris
Of hys goodnes
Applied bothe sence and mynd
In such distres
For ther redres
Sone remedy to fynd

Auctors

Of welchmen
Auctors doth accorde
He went abrode
Hys vertues onely to shewe
In straunge regions
Whose affeccions
Tokc place in yeres fewe

Fyrst to Berbarye
A famose contrye
The people grosse & rude
Standyng in affryke
Them did he seke
There blyndnes to exclude

Then to Almayne
He toke the playne
That kyndome to aduaunce
Wher in lyke wyse
He dyd practise
All thing for their plesaunce

Then at the instaunce
Of the Italians

with

A treatise.

With insightie apparell
The cruell Titans
Put to vtteraunce
By fearenes of battell

Cfull shorlie than
Doun to Tuscan
He went with all his men
To a citee strong
Large and long
Wher he reigned yeres ten.

CCalled Witarbie
Thus laboured he
The people to conducte
From place to place
Of princely grace
Onely them to instructe.

CThen into Grece
A countree fearce
A long the seas he went
Unto a prouince

¶

A commendacion

CBocas confesseth
Also expresseth
How the people rurall
Changed Osiris
Into Sirapis
And so they dyd hym call

Affirmynge playne
Howe he certayne
In heuen was stallid
In suche maner wyse
Aftter ther guyse
A God was he called

CLabyn or Libus
Called great Hercules
The sonne of Sirappy
As auctours saythe
His fathers death
Reuengid shortly thys

Sent a deffyaunce
To all the grauntes

Through

Hercules or
Libus sonne
of Osiris.

A treatise.
Of grete excellencie
With like famouse intent.

As auctours do witnes
Named Pilloponnes
Wher stode the strong citee
Called Argeos

Of noblenes
Hauyng the souereintee.

Wher he unfayned
Famously reigned

XXXVII.yeres iust

Till at the last

The yeres gone past

To Egyp he had a lust.

Prepared home

Wher cruell Typhon

As saith Diodorus

His brother vntrewe

By treason hym slewe

Of mynde malicious.

Bocas

Of welchmen
Throughout the wold le rounde
Fyrst into Phenice
Dyd he enterpryse
His enympes to confounde

To hys estate
That lande he gat
In maner inuincible
By wonderfull strenghte
Percyd it at lengthe
And made it diuisible

Then into phrigie
A prouunce myghtie
Wher he slewe Tiphonus
A gyaunt stronge
Were it right or wronge
And gaue hym to Achus

Whiche he begate
Beyng associate
With a lady faire & vryghe
Called Dilphale

whiche

A treatise.
Whiche did preuaile
Moste pleasaunt in his sight.

C from thence to Alfricke
Fearce cruell and quicke
Of herte coragious
Slew the Giaunt
Mightie and puissaunt
Named greate Atheus.

C In token of fame
Altered that name
Then called barbarie
After Libus
Named it thus
The greate lande of Libie.

C for a memoriall
By art naturall
He made a piller strong
His conquest greate
Should not forgeate
The people there emong.

Then

Of welchmen

¶ Then to Gaulceltike
full princely lyke
His passage dyd he take
Wher great Jupiter
Dyd hym prefere
And moche ther did him make

¶ For more amityc
Gau galathyae
A pryncess of highe astate
Hys daugter dere
To be hys fere
Suche honour ther he gate

* Wher he was crouned
While faine revoundyd
With galathy hys wyfe
In kyngdomes ferre
After that Jupiter
Had altered his lyfe

* Then with hys armye
Into Italye

b.t. hym

¶ Of welshmen

¶ Hym selfe dyd aduaunce
Brake mountaynes hye
By strengthe of Bodye
And myghtye ordynaunce

¶ And wher the waye wag
Haynouse to passe
And wonder dificill
Brake them downe right
By force of myght
Without tariyng any while

¶ But entred by strengthe
Wher he at lengthe
As Byrosus doth witnes
His enymies clewe
His foxe to renewe
Mansfully dyd them oppresse

¶ Then downe he came
Unto Tuscane
The Cytans to subde
For malycie alone

¶ Of

A commendacion
Of cruell Typhon
Of treytors moste vntrue

Wher for his sake
Suche slaughter dyd make
His enimies to confounde
That ther dolefull crye
Aboue the skye
To the heauens did abounde

Suche was his grace
With in shorte space
They were all ouerthrown
Cleane out of faine
As though he their name
Had never bene knownen

Thus this noble man
Wholy became
Possessor of Italy
Fully yeres ten
Where he reigned then
As a prince stronge & myghty
b. ii. frome

A commendacion

Cfrome thense into spayne
Wher men dyd complayne
The great extozion
Done by violence
Without resistance
In that famouse region

CBy gyauntes stronge
Whiche them amonge
The people dyd oppresse
Founde no refute
In ther persute
Therwooes then to redres

CTyll create Hercules
Of hys gentilnes
With moste manfull corage
Caine downe with sped
In tyme of ned
To a boyde ther outrage

CSought them about
Hauyng no doubte

D

Of welshmen
Of their myghty puysaunce:
Frome place to place
Dyd thein inchace
By longe contynuaunce

¶ By knyghtly strengthe
Gate thein at lengthe
Wher they myght not astert
As a prynce royll
Heslewe thein all
With a coragyouse hert

¶ After whose death
Diodorussaythe
In hys Antiquyties
Who Lyste to loke
In the. b. boke
That thys noble hercules

¶ Dyd there remayne
Cyll death certayne
Hys bodye dyd oppres
Wher he dothe lye

b.iii full

¶ commendacion
full sumtuoslye
as auctors vere witnes

¶ His Sepulture
In such manere
Rayled was with pillers hye
That men myght se
Of euery degré
The place as they pas by

¶ And yet the saame
In token of fame
Euerynore for to encrease
ys called thys daye
As Spanyardes saye
Gaades le Hercules

¶ After camie Tustus
Tustus sone A prince ful famous
of Hercules. Sonne to great hercules
As next heyre of bloud
Notable and good
Full of all gentilnes

¶ whiche

Of welchmen

Cwhiche in Italy
Reigned quyetly
Without let or dysurbance
Right welbeloued
No cause mouyd
Of hys misgouernaunce

Altheus son
of Tustus.

CNext Altheus
Sonne of Tustus
Of Italy was kinge
A Prince of renowme
With Scepter & crowne
All his tyme then lyuyng

Comboblas
ton sonne of
blaston whis
the Blaston
was sonne of
Altheus and
died his father
lyuyng

CThen Comboblaston
The sonne of Blaston
Whiche was sonne of Altheus
For his worthynes
And passing goodnes
Was made then Coritus

CWhiche was a name
Of worthie faine

Excel

Acclamation
Excelling all other
As at that daye
As who wolde saye
A second Iupyter.

* Thys noble kynge
Recorded of wryting
By Electra hys wyfe
Had princes thre
Of noble degré
All borne in hys lyfe

Dardanus þ
Seconde sone
of Combo-
blaston bryl.
bet the Lytie
of dardane

* The fyrst Iaseus
The nexte dardanus
The thrd Armonya
Dardanus then
With all hys men
Wente in to phrigia

* A prouence stronge
Myghtie and Longe
full of all pleasaunce
Stondyng in Asia

Called

Of welshmen

Called dardanya

Hys name onely to avaunce

His people and he

Rayled a Citie

With towres wonderfull hye

Wallid it aboute

Hauyng no doubte

Of any token eneimye

¶ When it was walled

Then was it called

Dardane after Dardanus

In all Asya

Or in phrigya

Was none halle so famouse

¶ This Citie playne

Was made certayne

The vere for to accompte

Of Moyles

A. C. doubtles

Xiiiij. more dyd A mounte

Next

A commendacion

erictonius **C**Next Dardanus
anne of dat- His sonne Erictonius
mus.

There toke possession
Of ryght enteryng
As Lord & kinge
By dewe succession

Troos the famouse
Sonne of Erictonius
And the name Of all Phrigia was kyng
Dardanus ^{called it Troy} For myghtye puyllance
And greate aboundaunce
All other surmounting

CEusebius
Affirmyth vs
This kyng had sonnes thre
The fyrist Ilius
The next Assaratus
The thyrd as in degre

The yongest of al
Whiche men dyd call
Worthye

Of welchmen
Worthy Ganyngdes
Whom Tantalus
Most auericious
Of pitie all merciles

Falselye dyd persewe
A traytore vntrewe
With couetyse ful replete
Toke monye and hire
His death to conspire
Of Jupiter kyng of Crete

Troos this famousse kyng
Sore Lamenting
This foule ingratitude
Of mortall hate
And soden debate
Reysed a multitude

Of herte dolorus
Droue Tantalus
Dute of highe phrigie
Forcynghyn at lenghe

By

A commendacion
By pryncey strength
Out of Paphlagie

2 Diodorus
Also Birosus
Affermyn th verely
That Tantalus
full vngacious
Dyed myserablye

2 for his offence
And vile pretence
So ofte tymes frequented
Poetes do sayn
That he certayn
In hell shuld be tourmented

2 Wyth hunger and thurst
Hauyng a lust
Alwayes vnto hys meate
His belly emptie
Wyth dyshes plentie
And yet nothyng coulde eate

In

Of welchmen

CIn drynke dyd Swyme
Aboue the Chynne
His body hote and drye
All was in waste
Non could he taste
Yet for thurst redy to die

And quid doth shewe
In wordes fewe
And playnely doth vs tell
Howe he shulde lye
Without mercy
In the depe lake of hell

CWhen cruell Tantalus
Moste in pituouse
Was brought to subicion
And that noble Troye
Dyd fully enioye
Tantalus possecion

And kyng of highe phrygia
In all Asya

200as

Of welchmen
Was none so myghtie a kinge
So muche redoubtid
So well assured
So muche honor incresing

His Citie playne
Called Dardaine
As auctours write and saye
Was called than
Of euery man
The great Citie of Troye

Only after his name
To increase his fame
As a prince most fortunate
The country aboute
Standyng in doubte
Obayed his noble estate

And thus was he
Of magnanunitye
Redoubted on euery side
None was so boulde

Other

A comedacion
Other yonge or olde
His force that durst abide

Next this famouse kinge
After insuweing
Was his sonne Ilius
He had a brother
Of father and mother
Ramyd Assaracus

Of full noble blodde
Famouse and good
His sonne called was Capis
Stories dothe deuise
Capis Likewise
Was father to Anchises

Anchises was
Father to Eneas
As saint Augustie doth record
Who liste to loke
In the xviii boke
Called the Cite of God

Assaracus the
yonger sonne
of Croos

Capis sonne
of Assaracus

Anchises sonne
of Capis.

Eneas sonne
of Anchises

Where

A comendacion
Where he endygeth
Playnly resiteth
The herde and dred full chaunce
Like as he fande
Wyse and Lande
Throughte fortunes ordinaunce

How he also
Went to appollo
To the Isle of delphos
Whiche by miracle
At his Oracle
Shewed hym y whole purpos

Howe he shuld be
Of souereintye
full notable increasing
And that his fate
Was predestinate
In Italy to be kyng

This Eneas
Graundfather was

Unto

¶ Of welchmen
Unto noble young brute
As shall appre.
Afterward here
The stocke the braunce & frut

¶ From dardanus
As gaulfridus
The story dothe recompte
Whose regalite
In great asse
All other did surmounte

¶ Of Jupiters blood
Notable and good
Whose name was stellified
As poetes do fame
In heuen certayne
There to be deified

¶ His inarciall warres
Surmounting the starres
Made hym celestiall
After pagan guyse

c.i. In

A commendacion
In suche maner wyse
With ther goddes to be coequal

¶ In Libie land
His temple did stand
Freate with gold pearle & stome
By deuine Oracle
His taberuacle
Made ther ful long agone

¶ Of the feme-
nyne scree by
Galathea ,
whiche was
doughter to
greate Iuby-
ter of Gaulce
nith a wife to
Hercules and
materc to
Custus

¶ Of whose succession
By computacion
¶ Of ther parentage
Perceauie maye ye
¶ That welshinen be
¶ Of the same stocke & lynage

¶ Als stories olde
Bothe writen & toulde
¶ Maketh relacion
Affirminge playne
¶ The tyme the raigne
And the Cituacion

From

Of welchmett

C from Jupiters lyne
Downe to declyne
To worthye Wardanus
Consequently
And finally
To noble Priamus

C The laste Kyng of Troy
Whose inward ioye
Was cleane disconsolate
When the grekes fell
By treason cruell
Appallid his estate

A digression
treating of
Destruction
of Troye

Heare to digresse
I must confesse
The wofull desolacion
Of noble Troye
The soden decaye
And newe transmutacion

C The Greekes warres
Aboue the staires

c.ii.

Sut

Acomendacion

Surmounting in there pryde
Supposinge they myght
With cruell fight
The heuens to deuide

¶ And thus they wrought
The story oute sought
As virgell do the witnes
A temple ther was
Sacred to pallas
The mightie great goddes

¶ Made by craft entrayle
As it were deuinale
By heuenly influence
With in troy towne
To the high renowne
Of her magnyfiscences

¶ The grekes fraudolent
Of mynde violente
There treason to practise
Fayned a pretence

By

Of welchmen
By deuine incence
To make a sacrificyes

¶ Byfoxe pallas
In hope of grace
To please her deitie
Thus they conspired
And ofte desired
To entre the Citie

* The Crones iust
Did not mistrust
There fraudulent treason
Like there pretence
Gaue them licence
To make ther oblation

¶ And thus Elas
With gile and trespass
As wolues raging wood
Hauyng Libertie
Within the Citie
Distroyed the noble blod

feare

A commendacion

Farre in the night
When that no wight
Ther treason did suspecte
The grekes bntre we
Furthe did perswe
To furnyshē ther effecte

Brake out at large
All in a rage
Their fury to declare
Fretynge for ire
With sworde and fire
Consumyd the Cite bare

The Troians at rest
With paynes opprest
For watche feble and faynt
Nothing then knewe
What shuld ensewe
Of ther mortall constrainyt

¶ They could wake
Ther Cite was take
Ther kyng cruelly slayne

Welshmen

Ther Temples spoyled
Ther goddes defoyled
Ther houses bare & playne

* Alas for pitie
full woe is me
This stoy to beholde
When I aduerte
Ther soden smerte
It maketh my herte colde

* Oh noble Hector
The chiefe protector
The Troians to defend
The verayloodsterre
In peace or warre
For manhode most to commend

C Against whose myght
No grekishe knight
His person myght assure
With spere or shilde
In Campe or filde

c. iii.

His

Of welchmen
His stroke that might endure

Alas for payne
Yet was he slayne
By pretensid treason
His death conspired
And longe desired
By faulfe instigacion

For cruell Achylles
Of pitie marceles
Or he could wcll aduerte
His backe all bare
With a stasse square
Percyd his manfull herte

This helme unlaced
His coiffe unbrazed
His shilde lyeng on the ground
As he did repaire
To take the ayre
Sauc hym his uortall wounde
For the cruell grekes

Curſi d

A comendacion

Cursid by your chekes
With all youre cursed treason
Sclaudered is your name
To your eternall shaine
For your abhominacion

¶ And thou Achilles
Most wiche of wretches
Prouers of mynd & will
Against all right
So fainouse a knight
With treason for to kill

¶ Who will not assent
The death to lament
Of so princely a man
Which was doubtles
Of knighthod pereles
Accompte lithe þe wroddle bega

¶ As in Troy's boke
Who list to loke
Shall se the surphisage

The

A commendacion.

The magnanimitie
The nobilitie
Of him and his parentage

The imperiall blond
Most famouse and good
Of nature Celestiall
As poetes do sayn
They came certayne
¶ þ blynde they
orlde they
exaled god
s for exel-
ngin feates
Enoblenesse
¶ **O**f the Goddes inmortall

They were declared
Whith goddes compared
Throughe ther magnificence
The truethe knownen well
Because they did excell
In pryncely excellencye

What shuld I write
Or further indite
This proces lamentable
The dolefull destres
The mortall heuines

¶ **O**f

Of welchmen
Of Pyramus most notable

¶ Of yet of Eccuba
¶ wife Cassandra
Their importable payne
¶ of Polixena
The floure of Alia.
Which was so cruelly slayne

¶ Of lustie Troylus
¶ yonge Dephebus
¶ of the blood fraternall
Paris or Helenus
A case most peteous
Of greekes slayne were thei al

¶ Of what should I saye
Of the greekes decape
And mortall aduenture
Sithe that the ayre
In ther repaire
Turned darke & obscure
¶ Cruell Neptunus

warred

A commendacion
Waxed contrarius
Dangerus to be holde
Eolus a lofte
Raging full ofte
With stormes wete and colde

¶ Vulcanus then
Dute of his den
Forgid the thouders greate
With firie leuin
Downe from heauen
Unto Cerberus seate

C The goddes playne
Had such disdayne
At ther shamefull outrage
Of very despite
Them to acquite
Send such froward passage

C Ther shippes tossed
And all to frusced
By sturdy violence

Upon

Of welchmen

Upon rockes grounded
There people drowned
For all ther resistance

¶ But nowe to procede
My purpose to spyyed
Like as I furst begane
To shewe the distent
And birthe excellent
Of the gentile Welshmen

¶ After that Troy
Was broughte to decaye
By fortunes violence
And that ther was
As in that case
No helpe of resistaunce

¶ But that the Cite
By grekyshе crueltye
Was consumed all bare
As I sayde furst
By treason vniust

The

A commendacion
The truth to declare

Then the noble blood
Auncient and good
Of priamus descent
By knyghtlye corage
Toke ther voyage
By sober aduiseinent

To sundry regions
With ther prouisions
And marciall apparell
There states to renewe
Kyngdoimes to subdewe
Only by force of Battell

As lustye yonge franco
Whiche was also
The sonne of noble Hector
Sette meiris and bandes
In sondre landes
As Kyng and Emperoure
Fyrst into hungary

With

• Of welchmen
With his Chiualry
His stonderds displayeng
Then into Fraunce
With his ordinaunce
His armye conuaiyng

• Subdwed the Gaules
Brake towres & walles
Brought them to hys purpose
And for moze faine
Altered that name
And called them francos

• Bnt Galfridus
And Eusebius
Dothe playnly reporte
That Faramundus
Sonne of Marconinus
That name did fyrst transporke

• Affyrimyng playne
That he certayne
Beyng of the Troianes blood
In

A commendacion
In token of loue
Did it remoue
And thus the mattier stood

¶ Likewise Turcus
The sonne of Troilus
Entered phaso the lesse
As Antonius
And Entropius
Berith thereto witnesse

¶ Gate ther stronge piles
For all ther wiles
Ther castelles & ther towers
Slewe them certayne
In the filde playne
Like mightie conqueroures

¶ Also Glenus
Sonne of Prianus
By manfull occasion
Within shorte space
The land of Trace
Brought

Of welchmen
Brought to subuersion

Noble Eneas
From Troy dyd pas
With myghtie prouissions
With speres and shildes
Perced the fildes
Of sundrie regions

CBy se and by lande
Dyuerse chauncys fande
Virgill dothe vs assure
By violente rage
Arryuid at Cartage
By soden aduenture

Chis shippes nere lost
Driuen to that cost
By dredfull violence
Wher Dido the Quene
Most goodly besene
Reiayled his presence
CThen with his host

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A commendaacion
The countreys did cost
By prudent pollicye
In his defence
By highe prouidence
To the frontes of Italie

Wher by hys manhood
And famouse knighthood
After many strong battel
Slewe Turocelyne
In helpe of Latyne
One of the kinges of Itaill

For his worthynesse
He weddid doubtlesse
The Doughter of Latinus
Called Lauina
Next after Chensa
The Doughter of Priamus

As Sabellicus
And Eusebius
Afterinith bothe playne

Chas

¶ welchmen.

¶ That this is trewe
¶ He had Isewe
¶ Of these princesse twaynes

¶ Fyrst of Chensia
¶ Borne in Asia
¶ Was his sonne Istantas
¶ Next in Italye
¶ Successiuelyc
¶ Siluius Posthumus

¶ Ryme poe
humers song
of Chensia

¶ Of whom is discended
¶ As is pretendid
¶ By Titus Luuius
¶ Who lyft to rede
¶ The story in dede
¶ Of Brutus Albinus

¶ Most noble brutes
¶ The seede, the frute
¶ The name and language
¶ The playne distens
¶ The norisement

¶ Brutus sonne
of Siluius
of whom descended
the kinges
taynes Istantas
unto Cadmus
lydse

¶ d. 11. ¶

A commendacion
Of the welshmens linage

Thus maye ye se
That welshmen be
Of the blood imperiale
Of nature fre
Colyns in degré
To the goddes immortall

Of Jupiters lyne
Next to declyne
To worthie Dardanus
Consequently
And fynallye
To noble Priamus

Then to Eneas
Whiche father was
To Siluius posthumus
By computacion
Of his succession
Came most noble brutus
As sonne and hepre

¶

Of welchmen

Of parson fayre
Wondre delyuer & light
Strong of bodye
As Hector hardie
In stele armyd bright

C This noble brute
In his persute
And actes most maicall
Entred into grece
Subdued a pece
By his power imperiall

¶ A kyng ther was
Named Pandras
A prince right excellens
Unto whose myght
Ther was no wight
To hym equiuolent

¶ Hauing in seruitude
A multitude
Of the Troians blood

D.iii. vii. 99.

¶ cōmendacion

bis. M. in numbre
For to incumbre
With them so sore it stoode

¶ for the deathe doubtles
Of Achillez
Accusid of that cryme
That they shulde be
Of one degré
Consenting at that tyme

¶ This story out sought
This were they brought
In thraldome and boudage
Dayly constrainyd
Mortally payned
By force of ther seruage

¶ Till noble Brute
For ther refute
full lyke a worthye knyght
Deuisid at large
Them to dilcharge

¶ for

Of welchmen
For all his cruell myght

Apprefixid a daye
His strenghe to assaye
As fortune lyst to prouide
By battell strenghe
Be it right or wronge
The quarrell to abyde

¶ Wher kyng Pandras
Constrayned was
By knightlye violence
The felde to forſake
His parsonne take
For all his assistance

This Lordes distressid
His knightes repressid
With many mortall wound
His standers displayed
Cut and rayed
Beaten vnto the harde ground
And thus Pandras

D.iii. Con-

A comendacion

Constrayned was
Of Brute to seke his peace
Gauē gooddes and treasure
Out of all measure
His fauoure to in crease

His loue more to wynne
Gauē faire Genogynne
His daughter to hyn mostdes
Unto his wife
Whiche in her lyfe
As in stories doth appera

Had sonnes thre
Of noble degre
All kinges of worthie faine
As Antonius
And Eutropius
Affirmeth bothe the same

The fyrd Lotrinus
Then Albanactus
The thyrd Cabze named was
Whiche

Welshmen
Whiche by Election
For his porcion
Into wales did pas

Cambres ben
his sonne
Ringe of wales
lys

To the encresse of faine
After his owne name
Called it Cambria
But now by vsage
Of corupte language
Named is wallia

As moze playnely
And effectuallly
Herafter shall appere
But fyrt to discuss
Of noble Brutus
The story and manere

After that Pandrag
Restorid was
To his former estate
His peace assured
His kingdoine receaved

¶

A commendaeson
He thought hym fortunate

As Brute in like wise
It did suffice
His fury to asswage
The Troians fre
From Captiuite
Thralldome and bondage

¶ The lande he forsoke
The sees he then toke
With his shippes long & large
Storid with treasure
Out of all measure
By force of their pillage

¶ Then furthe he sayled
Greatlie preuayled
By helpe of Neptunus
Suche was his grace
With in shorte sp ace
Passid the sees dangerous
¶ Landed at Cotonelle

Like

Ostwelshmen

Like as the goddesse
Diana had promisid
Predestinate
To his estate
This land holy comyzed

Within this region
Called Albion
Wher Gyauntes did dwell
As I do finde
Of Cerberus kinde
Fearce odius and cruell

Engendred they weare
By sprites of the ayre
Or by some fyndes infernall
So terryble
So horrable
Were they of nature all

For all ther stature
Or dredfull figure
Brute nothyng abasshed

By

Lcommeudacion
By furrouse strengthe
Slewe them at lengthe
And thys land possessed

Tis storpes olde
Bothe write and toulde
Recomptith more at larges
Who list to loke
Gaulfridus boke
Shall se the surplusage

And this shall suffice
The sage and wyse
To haue in memorie
Thinges so farre pass
It were in wast
A gayne to specyfie

CThen to rememb're
Yong lusty Camb're
Whom Brute to wales did sed
ther to reinayne
As soueraygne

Chas

¶ Of welchmen
That contre to defend
¶ Of whose succession
By computacion
Of storics euidente
Remyanith the blood
Most notable and good
Euen nowe this tyne presend

¶ Neuer was it myred
Nether yet altered
With any straunge nacion
Nether foreyne kyng
By might usurping
Thecol had possession

¶ The Romaynes great
Whose power dyd threas
The wylde vnyuersall
Might neuer them wyn
By craft o; engyn
To ther estate royall
¶ Nether Saxon nor Dane

¶

¶ commendacion

Noȝ yet foren name
Night their force declyns
With in Cambȝes land
The Brutes to withstand
By marciall discipline

ȝet moȝe to their fame
Ther blood ther name
Ther contre ther language
Wes neuer mixid
Nether yet possellid
With any straunge parentage

Further to declare
I dare compare
For ther perfeccion
Euen as who saith
For the trewe fayth
Of Cristes relygion

For lengthe of tyme
Did neuer declyne
To infidelite

Bul

Welchmen
But constaunt and sure
Alway in bre
Syth the tyme of Lucy

The syr Cristen kyng
In britayne reynyng
The yeres for to accointe
A. M. thre hundred
Lxxv. full nombre
E more did aounnte

Syth they began
To be Chyssian
In the tyme of Elentherius
Whiche dyd electe
By shoppes in effecte
By consent of Lucius

Thus they assured
Long haue endured
By deuine prouidence
Nether infectid
Nether suspected

A commendaclon
Of corrupcione conscience

¶ Ther sayth to forſake
But Chriſt to take
For a full ſatisfaction
As scripture sayth
Firminly by fayth
Of his blesſid paſſion

¶ Thus the noble butes
Receaued the frutes
Of ther perſection
In tyme longe paſt
Ryght ferme and fal
Without mutacion

CCCC. yeres playns
XXX. and twayne
The tyme fuli accompting
Were they Cristenyd
Surely stablyſhid
Before saynt Austyns coming
¶ This ſtory tried

Canons

Of welchmen
Cannot be denied
With all the circumstaunce
The ghostly liuing
Playnly confessyng
To goddes highe o;dinaunce

¶ Sythen Lucis lyme
Did never declyne
From thre intellygence
As in this case
Suche is ther grace
By goddes highe prouidence

¶ Likewise syth Brute
Did institute
Cambre fyrt into wales
Ther to remayne
In roughe and playne
Among moutaynes & bales

¶ Yet unto this dayz
Perceyue ye maye
The same stocke & lynage

e.i. Dr

A commendacion
Of one dissent
This is euident
Without thraldom & bondage

Wholy possessedid
Neuer represcid
By knyghtly violence
Cuntry or naine
Neuer toke shame
They be of suche excellencie

With e so noble men
From Troy as then
Of blod are descendid
We thinke of truthe
Thei lustie powthe
Dught to be comendid

Then reason wolde
Surely I shulde
Thei honor aduaunce
My selfe prepare
Matter to declare

¶

Of welchmen
Of ther princly ordinaunce

Was Titus Lius
And Eutropius
Affirmyth to be trewe
That noble Belyn
Honor to wyn
The Romaynes dide perselws

When Lucius
And Cimilius
Were consulles of honour
Also Camillus
Ramyd furius
Was of rome dictatour

Then noble belyn
The Citie to wyn
With standertes displayed
Like Mars for myght
In stede armyd brigght
His britons conuayid
Aboute the towne
e.ii. 2001 the

A commendacion
With suche renowne
And knightly ordinaunce
That the Romaynes playne
That daye were slayne
For all the myghtie puyssance

The felde forsaken
The Senatours taken
Spoyled of ther araye
Like Goddes for riches
So greate exesse
Had they of them that daye

The Cittie oppresid
Ther goodes distressid
The Romaynes infortunate
This noble Welyn
Honor to wynne
Upon them was Lauriate

This was in the yere
Als dothe appeare
By playne descrypction

Thre

Of welchmen

Thre hundred thre score
Puttyng to syue moore
After Romes sondacyon

In contynent then
This noble Bren
His fame more to aduaunce
Into Gallacia
And Macedonia
He toke his chaunce

Also to Galetcs
Wher he slewe Sostes
The Prince and gouernour
Thus of þ Grekees
In spite of their Chekes
He became a conquerour

Then furthe he went
With his army bent
To the inounte Pronasus
To a Temple large
Standing vpon a stage

A comendacion
As wrytith polycarpus

Sacrede to Appolyn
As clarkes determyn
Raimyd also delphicus
Spoylid his riches
To his great increse
M ade him full glosus

CWith whiche abundaunce
And myghti substaunce
full lyke a famou se knight
Raylid Cities olde
Feble and colde
Rynous in all inenes sight

MAs Mediolana
And Papia
In the fruntes of Lombardye
Likewyse verona
Standing in Gallia
With towres pleasaunt & hye
CCremona

Man

Welshmen

Siunson

Mantua
Also Burganum
And vincencia
The Cetie Sieua
With the Citie Conum

¶ Thus Titus Liuius
Playnly doth discus
A Romayne of greate fame
As Polycarpus
And Eutropius
Affirme both the same

¶ Thus of the blood
Notable and good
I coulde worthly expresse
Kinges of renowne
With Sceptre and crowne
¶ great nombur doubtlesse

¶ As noble Arthur
The cheiffe victour
Prouid at all assayes.

c.iii. whose

A comendacion
Whose Marciall knyghtes
Quenchid the Lightes
Of all other in those dayes

Che Roinaynes can tell
Hewe it befell
In the tyme of Lucius
The Emperorre slayne
With many a Proud Romaine
The britons victorius

Also in Fraunce
Froll had Like chaunce
Whiche was so good a knyght
To deth was wounded
His people confounded
Onli through Arthurs myght

Also Denabus
Great and monstrovous
Whose power none myght with
Arthure hym slewe (stand
His force to renewe
Fought

Welshmen
Fought with hym hand to hand

Like wise the Saxoncs
Whose exacciones
He myght no wyse abide
Ther cruell rage
For to asswage
Manfully he dyd prouide

Twelue battelles stronge
He had them amonge
Like a famous champion
By strength imperiall
He was victore of all
Brought them to subiection

Cauctores do expresse
Bering full wyttnesse
Of his magnificence
With his owne hand
Their myght to withstande
Of knightly excellencie
Slewe in one daye

e.v. Wre-

A commendacion
Srekyngh ther arraye
Two hundred & fourtye Just
Throughte his manfull myghts
Constrained were ryght
In his mercy to trust!

Accompte also
Noble Malgo
The sonne of dame nature
Whose Angelicke face
for beutie was
Like an heuenly creature

That man and beast
Gladly wold rest
Also Birdes in the ayre
His face to beholde
As it was toulde
He was so passing fayre

There was no kyng
Of natures formyng
To his equiuolent

So

Welshmen

So strong of body
So feare and hardy
In armes so excellent

* The Saxonnes cruell
With many sore batell
Did him right soze inchace
But yet ther rigour
His princely honore
Myght never deface

* The magnanymptie
The nobilitie
Of this most princely name
Auctors dothe expres
The Iles o'cades
To Brytayne furst he wan

* Now to Cadwalader
To furnyshe my mattec
That famose worthy king
The last of dyscent

Cadwalader
the last kyng
of Brute kynges
Lineage

A commendacion
A Prince Excellent
Over the Britones raynyng

Cffabian dothe write
And playnly resite
His actes ryght gloriug
Affirming them trewe
Hewe that he slewe
A king called Lotharius

Whiche was king of kente
That tyne present
By marciall dysciplyne
And afterward
With strokis harde
The inattier to determinyng

Cedericus his brother
It was noon other
By force was lykwyse slayne
Helpe or redresse
Was none doubtlesse
Yet were thei kinges boþ twaie
Also

Of welshmen

Calso Athelwold
Manfull and boulde
Which was of Dowthseking
Thought hym full sure
Hable to indure
His batell conueyng

Agaynst Cadwaladre
Of inwarde displeasure
Hatred and cruelnes
Mette in the felde
With speare and shilde
Of very wilfulnes

Cathelwolde that daie
Who euer sayd naye
With many mortall wounde
Lay ded and slayne
The Sarones playne
Beaten downe to the ground

CThe Brutes victoriouse
The Sarones tymerouse
Che

A commendacion

The felde durst not abide
For dread and feare
Fled here and there
Abrode on euery side

Thus Cadwalader
The reuenger
Of ther ambition
Brought them full lowe
Ther faultes to knowe
Under his subiection

Also Galfridus
Playnly dothe discus
Affirmyng more at large
Howe that the Saxonnes
By compositions
Of all ther baronage

• Helde of Cadwaladre
As of ther gouernourte
By waye of loue and fiauge
Like their degrees

By

Of welchmen
By giftes and fees
As of his patronage

As This princely manne
This Christian
This worthy faymousse king
Sawies doth recompente
He did surmounte
All other Liuing

To whome god aboue
In token of loue
Made demonstracion
By his Angell playne
That he certayne
Shulde leaue his region

Suche mortalite
Suche adulterie
Suche plages of pestilence
Suche infeccion
Suche corrupcion
By heuenly influence

That

A commendacion

¶ That tyme ther was
That he Alas
Of force was constrainyd
With wosfull herte
Myst nedes departe
His subiectes were so payned

¶ frutes vpon the grounde
None coulde be founde
In helpe of their redresse
The Earthe all bare
The people in care
Sorowe and heuinesse

¶ The Brutes expelled
No lenger dwelled
With in this region
The Sarones playne
Did it attayne
For them and ther succession

¶ No resistance
ether yet defence

Of welshmen

Of the Brutes was ther made
Awaye they wente
By one assent
Euen as the Angell bade

Without conforte
As men a: no:te
Lackynge consolacion
Hauyng no lust
But onlye a trust
Of their expectacion

In the prophesy
whiche did specifie
The holy translacon
Of Cadwaladre
Froine Roine hidre
By Santification

That when his bones
were translated ones
In to this region
Then shulde the Brutes

C. S. R. 8.

A commendacion
Receauic ther frutes
And fyrt possessyon

This did the Angell
Graciously tell
In ther wofull distres
That his noble blode
Auncyent and good
Shuld reuiue in his successe

Whiche shulde restore
To them moche moze
Of consolacion
By specialt grace
Than euer was
Of ther succession

This noble king
Goddes will perciusing
Called his sonne Iuory
Likewise send fo
His cosen Iuor
Resityng these wordes on hys
Take heare he sayde

¶ Of welchmen
Be not dyslinaide
My folkes & my nauye
Passe ye into wale;
Amonge hilles & vales
Be ye lordes of that contrye

¶ Se that no wronge
Come them emonge
For lacke of nobilitie
And that the Saxoness
By false compaccions
Woke no dishonestie

¶ Agaynst the Brutes
To hurte the frutes
Of their fidelitie
Be constaunte and sure
Manfully indure
Yours owne regalytie

¶ These wordes ones past
His eyes he cast
Saying lord thy will be done

f. ii. By

A commenda^ccion

In Earthe vs by
As in heuen hye
Farre surmounting the sonne

Whose deuine powte
Is gouernour
Of all creatid thinges
Be it visible
Or inuisible
It is thy hande workynges

And nowe good Lord
I will accorde
Thy pleasure to fullyll
This lande for sake
A newe to take
Syt he it is thy will

The wordes once sayde
Mekely he obayed
Of mynd will and consent
With a benyngeloke
His leaue he toke

And

Of welchmen
And so to Roine he went

¶ Wherin shorte space
God of his grace
By his eternall myght
His solle magnyfied
Also sanctified
To his celestiall syght

¶ Howe to accomlyshe
Also to furnyshe
My mynd and intencion
Ye haue harde tell
Howe the Angell
Made demonstration

¶ Ther shulde a king
Floyshe and spryng
Of the same succession
By sentence deuine
Of Cadwaladers lyne
In the fourth generacyon
Whiche

Acclamation
Whiche shulde restore
Thinges past before
By his magnyfiscence
And for his faine
Men shuld hym name
The prince of excellencie

Whose wiſdome cleere
Shuld so apere
Throughc euery regyon
Men shulde hym call
For gyftes naturall
The leconde Salomon

To verifye
This mystery
With stories euident
Nature declareth
The dede compareth
All thinges equiuolente

The Last famose king
Duer vs raignyng

Named

Of welchmen

Raignid the scuynth henry
Was euen the same
Whose princely name
Was had in suche memory

Henry p. vi
of Cadwalas-
ders line & righ-
full kyng of
Britayne cal-
led England

CPredestinate
And animate
By heuenly influence
For to fulfyll
The deuine will
Of the highe magnyfiscence .

CYet in his youth
Of very trueth
Floryshing in yeres grene
In most cruell wyse
His mortall eniynes
As it was playnely seene

CDid hym persewe
With treason vntreue
Fraudulently inuented
Gauemonge and lyre

f. iii. His

¶ commendacion
His death to conspire
If fortune had consented

¶ Supposyng therby
The prophesy
Cleane to extermynate
As god aboue
They wolde remoue
His wokes to violate

¶ Was not his grace
As in this case
In wonderfull daunger
When they conspired
And fully desired
The ayde of euery straunger

¶ Put in Exile
Alacke the while
Sodrie waics were outsought
His lief vncertayne
Beynge in Brytayne
Wher the treason was wrought
¶ what

Welchmen
What conspiracion
What cured treason
Who can breuyate
Whiche God aboue
Of his deuine loue
Listithe to anymate

This noble Prince
for to conuince
Passid ther raged myght
God wolde in nowyse
Ther false interpysse
Shuld deprive his pricelis right

As dyd appere
The storie clare
Of this most princely man
With spere and shilde
As Bosworthe filde
The honour there he wan

Ryng Kiched slayne
And he certayne

v. The

A commendaſon
The filde hathe receaued
Thus god aboue
Of very loue
His kingdom hathe assured

For of his lyne
This present tyme
A kyng is discendid
With ſepter and croune
In Cittie and towne
Moſt highly commendid

Henry p vili.
To nne of Hen
ry p vili kyng
of England, i
whom is ful
illid the miſ-
ery of Lad-
wa laders
translatiōn.

E I meane pardy
Moſt noble Henry
Called theight of that naime
Whose gyftes naturall
Aboue princes all
Bereth awaie the faine

Who can magnyfye
Or yet beresfye
His condigne wozthyneg
His ainitye

Lyg

Welchmen
Liberalitie
And bountifull goodnes

CIn all affectes
To his subiectes
Most graciouse & kinde
In ther defence
With his expence
Redie of herte and mynd

20 Oh famouse Troy
Reioyce this daye
Most fortunate and good
All ye that be
As in degre
Extracte of the same blood

20 Geue landes on hye
To god most myghtie
Whiche hathe resustitate
So noble a king
Youre hertes exityng
As men most fortunate

for

A commendacion
For this is he
ye maye well se
Whose bones are translated
By sentence deuyne
Frome Rome this tymme
Newly seperated

Accordingly
As the prophesye
Cadwalader
bones transl-
lated by sepe-
ratio by twe-
ne Rome vs
Afore had expressed
When Cadwaladers bones
Translated were ones
All thinges shalde be redressed

God of his grace
As in this case
Hath made a seperacion
Betwene Rome & vs
Whose dedes monsterus
Were abhomynacion

Other great abuses
And long myslves

Other

Of welchmen
Theſt folie and their pride
The deception
The collusion
Our kyng myght not abyde

Ye knowe full well
I nede not tell
The greate exactions
Nor howe they wroughte
Kingdomes to haue broughte
Under ther Subiections

Whether to debate
The mortall hate
Whiche they haue conspired
In especiall
To be Lordes of all
Wrongfully haue desired

Pretending doubtles
Muche holynes
By sentence Angelcall
To speake as the crede

ye

A commendacion
Yet were they in dede
Very fendes infernall

¶ There lawes preferring
As concernyng
The papall iurisdiction
Whose usurped power
Wolde be gouernoure
Of euery region

¶ A boue king or prince
Their myght to conuince
If they wolde not obaye
With Curses greate
They would them threate
Their honor to decaye

¶ But god most iust
As I sayde fyrst
Hath made a seperacion
Seuing oure king
Grace and learning
To preferre his religyon

And

¶ Of welchmen

¶ And not to trust
In bayne hope and luste
¶ Of mannes tradicions
As though he they myght
In heuen of right
¶ Make ther condicions

¶ To saue or spill
What solle they wyll
Without exception
As they were deuins
At season and tyme
By meane of ther pardones

¶ Suche thinges abusid
Dughte to be refusid
By deuine ordinaunce
And not to trust
In thinges vniust
Wher is non assuraunce

¶ Ther is but one
To god alone

¶ Chas

A commendacion
That is appropiate
Synnes to remeue
Pardon to gyue
And sowles to anymata

¶ Tradicions papall
Hath broughte vs all
Allmost to subuercyon
Having more trust
In thynges vniust
Then in Cristes passion

¶ But god aboue
In token of loue
Hath vs reconciled
As it befell
In Israell
When the lawes were cumpsed

To Josia
Whiche of Judea
Was kinge and gouernour
As in this case

¶

Of welchmen
Of speciall grace
Stode i goddes highe fauoure

¶ Because he wolde
No bodi e shulde
Do vniust reuerence
To stocke or stone
But in god alone
To haue all confidence

¶ He sende through out
Israell aboute
Goddes Lawes to magnyfie
In especiall
Commaunding all
To beware of idolatrie

¶ Likewise it was
When Ezechias
The worthye famouse king
Of pure intent
The Brasen serpent
The people deluding
¶ Unto the ground

g.t. Made

A commendacion

Made hym rebounde
In peces great & small
Breake the hyl aulters
Of ther forefathers
With theyr foule Idoles all

¶ Euen from iudea
Unto Alza
The phylstines lande
Nothing wolde suffer
To goddes displeasure
To be grauen or stande

¶ Whose constancy
God most mightie
Had in remembraunce
Send his Angell
In his quarell
Agaynst the Assirians

¶ By his deuine might
He flewe in one night
C.lxxr.thousand & fyue
From Judea

Unto

Of welshmen
Unto Assicia
The reaste home he diddriue

¶ Like wise oure kinge
His herte referring
To goddes highe prouidence
Suche thinges abusid
Hathc nowe confused
By hcuenly influence

¶ Whiche had infected
And sorc detected
Christes relygion
By shrining of bones
And kneling to stones
Made by mannes iuencion

¶ Magnyfieng them
Whiche were mostall men
Of nature terrestriall
With like reuerence
And confidence
As to god Celestiall
¶ Whose golden shrynes
g.ii. ¶

A commendacion
Trycked with vines
Most curiously wrought
With pardones plentie
Made purses emptie
In sondrie places sought

Suche Idoles greate
So richely freate
With golde pearle & stone
Lifte vp on hye
To magnyfye
As it were god alone

Dure Josias
Dure Ezechias
By permisson deusne
In this effecte
Most circumspecte
Beholdyng this present tyme

Math brought to passe
Like as it was
In tyme of Isarell
Trusting in one

In

Welchmen

In god alone
According to the gospell

For sacrifice
In such a wylle
To god onlye is dewe
There is no other
Faith to recouer
But only through the Iesu

¶ O Lorde oure god
Withdrawe thy rodde
Correcte vs not in thy ire
By thou petiouse
Lorde vnto vs
We humbly the desire

¶ Thy eares inclyne
This present tymc
Harken to oure clamoure
As it besell
In Israell
In the tyme of ther doloure
¶ Be mercyfull Lorde

g.iii Let

Acclamation

Let pycce accorde
With thy bountysfull grace
Oure sinnes remeue
Pardon forgiue
Oure folie and trespassse

To magnifie
Suche Idolatrie
Lord we knowledge oure offece
Agaynst thy lawe
For to withdrawe
Frome thy magnisfcence

To haue a trust
Of yet a lust
In any grauen picture
Whiche thou defendest
Also commaundyst
To bowe to no figure

This lord most myghtie
We knowe assuredly
By thy deuyne insence
To thede citie

¶

Of welchmen

Of thy magestie
Belongith all reuerence

¶ As concerning
The true meaning
Of oure saluacion
Ther is but one
That suffered alone
For oure redempcion

¶ Dure inwarde fayth
As saynt Paule sayth
Shuld be in Christ Jesu
Let this be graued
We are not sauied
But onlye by his vertue

¶ Nether yet rectified
By sayntes sanctified
In any maner case
Saue ther good liuing
Example geuing
To folowe the same trace
¶ Of truethe oure teachers
g. iii. Also

Redmendacion

Also oure preachers
Whiche were in tyme long past
Toke full great payne
And all in bayne
The laboure spent in wast

C Leuing the epistell
Also the gospell
Most Euangelicall
Creting of pardones
With inuencions
And Cerimones papall

C But ourc famouse king
Right well perseuing
The great ingratitudo
The sencis pure
Of holy Scripture
Hypd from the inultitude

For oure redres
Of his goodnes
With most princely corage
Hath devised

Also

Dwylchmen
Also compyled
Dure conscience to discharge

¶ Set out at long
Dure bulger tong
The scripture for to knowe
The seed the grayne
The verite playne
Dure fayth only to showe

¶ It is consonant
Not repugnaunt
To goddes deuine ordinaunce
But allmen shulde
Who euer wolde
For ther owne assuraunce

¶ Labour the scripture
His lyfe to assure
The cōmaundementes to kepe
Though he sone repine
And determyne
Affrining it bnyne
¶ That we lay men

Shulde

A commandacion

Shuld laboure our pen
Or scripture beholde
More then the clergie
Shulde vs specifye
By auctoritie toolde

As prouided in this
No man ther is
Beyng of leude lernyng
Shall interprise
In any wyse
Unto the expounding

¶ Oh noble Henry
Of Kinges most worthye
Doubtles to be magnysied
Goddes owne chosen knight
By whose deuine might
All thynges are rectified

¶ Our faith stablythe
Errors abolishid
The gospell set out at large
Nething is hyd
Nowhere

¶ Swelthmen
Wher of is nede
Oure conscience to discharge

¶ O blessed lord
To vs accorde
We humblye the desire
As in this case
Of speciall grace
Who euer will conspire

¶ Agaynst oure king
In hindering
Of honor this his reame
Ther faulse intent
Lord thou will preuent
Aduoyding the dangere cleane

¶ Let not our eniynes
In any wyse
Agaynst vs lord preuaile
Confuse ther ire
Burnyng as fire
In ther malice let them quayle
¶ Like as it was
when

Accomendacion

When Ezechias
With humble petition
Made his complaynt
Of berye constrainyt
And hertie affection

To thy destie
That of thy pitie
Thou woldist thy powre extēd
Against the furies
Of his enimies
His kingdome to defend

Lordē incontinent,
Thy Angell thou sente
His woes to redres
The Assirianes playne
Laye ded and slayne
Throughte thy mightifulnes

So in like case
Of thy deuine grace
Preserue our fainouse king
Dure enymies withstand

And

¶ Of welthmen
And sauē this lande
Dure god euerlastyng

¶ Conie furthe ye brutes
The seed the frutes
Of mightie Sirapys
In Egypce staled
A god ther called
In the Cittie Memphis

¶ Wher he is deified
Also stellified
After the pagan guyse
With his wyfe Issis
The mightyne goddes
So callid in Likewise

¶ Of whose successse
Caine hercules
The fainouse Champion
And so to conuay
Downe vnto Troy
With all ther succession
¶ Consider then

A commendacion

Ye gentle welshemen
Now god for you hath wrought
Euen the same tyme
That veray lyne
To youe agayne hath brought

For this is he
Whose maiestie
All thinges hath redressed
Assuredly
As the Prophest
Afore had expressid

Was ther euer king
So moche tendering
Youre welth to aduaunce
Or for your sake
Suche paynes did take
With so assured constaunce

Ye knowe pardie
As well as I
What he hath devised
Onlie for youe

Stat

¶ Welshmen
Statutes made newe
And lawes wholy commyssed

* To that intente
You shulde assent
To youre ciuilitie
One lawe one loue
One God aboue
And one prencely magestie

¶ Your selues indeuore
Wholly to gether
With perfect assuraunce
With vs to praye
These wordes to saye
With inwarde affyauice

¶ God most gloryouse
Lord Christ Iesus
Our hope and oure assistance
Our mediatoure
Our gouernource
And oure hertes confidence
¶ Preserue our kyng

His

A commendacion

His grace sending
Honor and victori
Good Lyfe and longe
Here vs amonge
With helthe of his body

And afterward
Yong Prince Edwarde
To supply his regalle place
With lyke wiſdome
As had Salomon
In cuery maner case

Most gracious lord
To vs accorde
Of thy bountyfull goodnes
Thy power extend
Dure prince defend
As thou'didest yong Joas

Whiche did inclyne
By grace diuine
To thy magnyfiscence
In his yeres grene

¶ Of welshmen

¶ Is it was sene
By heuonly influence

¶ Of very truethe
His tender youthe
The lawes to fortryfye
The house af Ball
With his ydolles all
Distroyed vtterly

¶ His grauen pictures
His golden figures
Most curiously wroughte
Beaton to doust
His temple vniust
Prosterate doun he broughte

¶ Thus let oure Prince
Utterly conuynce
All false Idolatrie
Thy lawes supporde
Oure hertes to comforde
Thy name to gloryfye .
¶ Let not Babilon

h.i. Haue

Acclamation

Haue dominion
Ouer vs for thy pitie
Defend vs lord god
Frome þe cruell rode
Of their captiuitie

¶ Let our prince furnishe
And fully fynyshe
What his father hath begonne
As was deuised
Somtyme comysed
To Salomon dauides sonne

¶ And so at length
With bodely strength
Lord þe wyll hym aduaunce
Hable to withstand
With myghtie hand
His enimies puissaunce

¶ As had hercules
Of whose noblenes
Doubtles he is descndyd
As auctors olde

By

Of welshmen

By storyes tolde
Fainely haue commended

þeare maye ye se
That welshmen be
Of right noble dyscent
It dothe appere
By stories clere
And mattier euident

þo who may compare
Or further declare
By any p̄escription
Accompte the parentyne
Also the feininyne
With ther procreacion

To be more worthie
Being creatures earthlye
And of nature terrestriall
Seth Noye his flos
Alway ther blode
Hath the byne imperiall
Chere to digresse

b.ii.

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Admendacion

I must confess
Moze matter in substaunce
Whiche nowe I fynde
Long oute of mynde
For lacke of remembraunce

¶ Of noble Hercules
The sonne of Osires
Most myghtie champion
Whose incomperableness
Exellyth doubtles
All naturall reason

¶ Non maye be comparid
Nether yet declared
Unto thy excellencie
Accompte stories all
None shalbe equall
With thy magnifcence

¶ This was that Hercules
That noble poetes
So highlye doth commende
And not Hercules

Cal

Of welchmen
Called Alcydes
Whiche the grekes do pretend

To be so mightie
Hauing victorye
In the truntes of Archadie
Sonne of Jupiter
His name to preferre
Boyne of faire Alannena

But Diodorus
Also Berosus
The chaldie affirmeth playne
That this hercules
Named Alcides
Was the last of the twayne

But hercules Aegipcius
Named Libicus
As saynt Jerome wryteth
In the .x. of Genesis
Was sonne of Osiris
As he playnly affirmeth
Whiche did interpyle

In,

A commendacion
In most knightly wyse
The xii. notable labours
Diodorus Seccalus
Also writyth thus
Whith other famous auctourys

¶ That this hercules
By his noblenesse
In the woodes of Neinta
Slew the great Lion
For lyke occasion
The serpent called Midras

¶ Which lay of longe tyne
By force of tauyne
In the fennes of Lerna
Also the bore
Devouring the stoore
In the Land of Archaia

¶ By violent strength
Caught hym at length
In spite of Erimanchus
Upon his sholders square

¶

¶ Of welchmen
He did hym beare
To the kyngे Euresthus

¶ Like wise did preuayle
In strength of battayle
Agaynst a greate noimber
Called Centauries
Half men halfe horses
Whiche semyd to be a wonder

¶ The fylthe industry
By swiftnes of body
His person aduancynge
Caught the great harte
Whose hornes by arte
Were gilte for his runnyng

¶ Also Simphalides
Birdes of cruell lyknes
Consumyd the frutes bare
Like fendes infernall
For a memoryall
He levl not one to spare
¶ The seuenth wonder was
How

A commendacion

Howe he coulde bring to pag
The clensing of Angeus hall
So noble a riuer
For to deceuer
Whith pingo poctes didcal

The eight was the bull
The see at the full
Dute of Crete into grece
Howe he shulde bring
By see swyning
And yet deface no pece

Dionedes
All mercyles
His rigour to accomlyshe
His horses playne
He fedde certayne
Onlye with mannes fleshe

Tyll Hercules
Toke Dionedes
His crueltie to abate
Made those horses greate
His

Of welshmen
His fleshe to eate
Regarding not his estate

Whiche he before
Had kept in store
Full wilde & monstorous
To his greate faine
He made them tame
Gave them to Enrithens

Then into Spayne
He toke the payne
Gereon to subde we
Of very dispite
Hym to acquyte
His sonnes twaine ther he slew

After to hell
As poetes do tell
Downe he is discended
Where Theseus
And Pirithus
He shortly defendid
Them to discharge

Setting

A commendacion

Setting at large
Frome all daunger & payne
Brought Cerberg bounde
Whiche was the hell hounde
Lincked fast in a chayne

¶ The twelueth & the last
Accompting them paste
Of this most princely man
When his noblenes
Frome Hesperides
The golden Apples wan

Slewe the dragon
Which did enuiron
The gardayne round aboute
Whose looke odible
Was so terrible
All men of him had doubte
¶ Thus in knightly wise
He did interpryle
To his Eternal faine
None so worthye

D.

Of welchmen
Of memorye
To haue prayse laude or name

¶ Of this Hercules
In knyghtbo devereleg
With noble Galathee
The only doughter
Of greate Jupiter
Named also Selce

¶ Came the famose blode
After Noe his flode
To the troyanes linage
Downe by descent
Princes excellent
With all ther parentage

¶ Who was more worthie
Stronger of bodye
Then was Ector of Troy
Yf storics be trewe
A thousand he slewe
Of Grekes in one daye
¶ Of this Hercules

Came

A commendacion

Cam e Olimpiades
The fainose mightie quene
Mother to Alexander
The grete conquerour
In her tendre yeres grene

Caesar Julius
Most victorius
His enyimies to confounde
Cam e of Eneas
Whiche so noble wag
A mong the Romaynes founde

Also Constantyne
Sonne of saynt Elene
Of the same succession
Borne in this lande
The holy crosse founde
By deuine inspiracion

Also This noble Emperour
Was hole gouernoure
Monarch and president
Of euery region

Through

Welchmen
Throughout Cristendome
From the Est to the occident

Called by grace
To that highe place
By heuenly influence
Of hert most constaunt
Slewe the Tyraunt
Whiche named was Maxence

A thousand mo
I coulde also
Wery and expres
Of the same blod
Princes right good
Full of all noblenes

But nowe a ende
I do intende
My leue of you to take
Desiring this
All thing a myng
To pardon for my sake
I must be breue

Least

De welshmen
Least that repreue
Accuse me & my penne
And thus to you
I say a dieue
Fare well ye gentel welshmen

F I N I S H.

The aucthoure.

Mchte gen: Not vigilaunt
ele redet. O consonaunt
This litell To other mens vtes
bulgre rauis

In my ful huble wise **C** for to expes
I you desire The worthines
Hertely requyre Of so duncyent men
That ye will not di: But that good wyll
spise Mousch me still

C Neither yed disdain To occupie my pen,
This little pain
Woyd of presumpcio **C** My englishe rude
Lately set oute Of gratitude
There is no doubte I trust ye will excuse
Equall of affection. And not disdayne
My sentence playne

C Let your phatacis O: causles it refuse
Judge me honestly
As one vnreproyed **C** The Musis nyne
Thyncke not that I Did farre declyne
Of flattery Wher I was nurrie
Herin shuld ic mouid Ther dulcet welkied
No tast nor smill
In me was rectified.

C Of conscience
No fayned lense
Haue I here p:recedid **C** Wherfore I must
Nor nothyng told In Chass and dust
But aucthours olde Mislike labour & toy
Befo:re haue cōmēded Give the þ price (le
Whose sentece wise

C I do confess
The rude grosnesse
Of my remēbraunce
With tearnes tan
triche and file

Go haberouse boke, Rusticall and rude
Fu'l unworthy thankes for to haue
Oneles of beynge gratitide
Sente'l reporte listithe the to saue.
Whether arte thou pure, sincer, or graue
Confesse thy faulfe, Blushe out for shame
Thy wittes are pasty, termes out of fram.

M D X L V I.

*Cum priuilegio ad impri-
mendum solum.*

